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ATTACHMENT TO Z-15651/82 Page  $\frac{1}{}$  of  $\frac{1}{}$ Attachment to NPIC/IEG (07/82) Copy\_\_ 1 JULY 1982 NEW CHINESE SELF-PROPELLED HOWITZER HARBIN TANK PRODUCTION AND REBUILD PLANT 674. CHINA 25X1 1. SIGNIFICANCE: A NEW SELF-PROPELLED (SP) HOWITZER WAS (S/D) IDENTIFIED FOR THE FIRST TIME ON IMAGERY 25X1 HARBIN TANK PRODUCTION AND REBUILD PLANT 674 IN THE SHENYANG MILITARY REGION. THIS IS THE FIRST OBSERVATION IN CHINA OF AN SP GUN WITH AN ENCLOSED TURRET. 2. (S/D)REMARKS: TWO OF THESE NEW SP GUNS WERE PRESENT ON HOWEVER, THE SP GUNS WERE NOT DISCERNIBLE AT 25X1 THE HARBIN PLANT ON OTHER IMAGERY ACQUIRED BETWEEN 25X1 THIS NEW SP HOWITZER IS SIMILAR IN SIZE AND 25X1 APPEARANCE TO THE SOVIET 152MM SP HOWITZER M-1973. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN DIMENSIONS OF THE TWO GUNS IS IN THE LENGTH OF THE TURRET. THE TURRET OF THE CHINESE SP GUN AND THE LENGTH OF THE SOVIET M-1973 25X1 TURRET UNLIKE THE SOVIET M-1973, THE CHINESE 25X1 SP GUN DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE A CUPOLA ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE TURRET, AND THE ENGINE VENTS ARE PROBABLY LARGER AND FARTHER FROM THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE CHASSIS. A PROBABLE DRIVER'S HATCH IS ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE VEHICLE, FORWARD OF DUAL EQUILLIBRATORS WERE DISCERNIBLE ON THE ENGINE VENTS. ONE OF THE GUNS AT THE MANTLET, MOUNTED ABOVE THE GUN TUBE. THIS NEW SP GUN IS PROBABLY AN INDIGENOUSLY PRODUCED, MODIFIED COPY OF THE SOVIET 152MM SP HOWITZER M-1973. PROBABLY IN THE 152MM CALIBER RANGE DUE TO ITS SIMILARITY TO THE SOVIET 152MM GUN. SINCE THE CHINESE ALREADY HAVE A 122MM SP HOWITZER, A GUN IN THE 152MM RANGE WOULD BE A LOGICAL THE TWO GUNS SEEN AT THE HARBIN PLANT ARE PROBABLY PROTOTYPES UNDER DEVELOPMENT AND MAY POSSIBLY SENT TO BAICHENG MUNITIONS TEST COMPLEX FOR 25X1 WEAPONS TESTING. 25X1 25X1 (S) 3. COORDINATES 45-46-43N 126-42-48E

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